SUBJECT No. 56.

Reduction of rate of fees for granting certified copies in Registration offices.

Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The fee of 4 annas per 100 words for granting copies in Registration offices is very high. It may therefore be reduced to 1½ annas as in Revenue offices.

Reply of Government.—Change undesirable.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Registration Fees.

Messrs. Nama Rangiah, Chintamani Taluk; Chik Ramanna, Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk; Rama Rao and H. V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk; Halagar Venkatasubbaiya, Belgere Subrahmanya Bhatta, Koppa Taluk; B. Narasinga Rao, District Board, Mysore; Chandrasekharaiya, Nagamangala Taluk; Lakshminarnappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk; S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality; C. Subba Rao, District Board, Shimoga; Nadig Lakshmana Rao and Bhaskhara Rao, Sorab Taluk; Venkatasubbaiya and Suryanarayanasetti, Arkalgud Taluk; Subbasetti, Srinivásamurti and Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk; Krishnasastri, District Board, Mysore; Nanjegowda and Rangasetti, Krishnarajpete Taluk; A. Narasimhaiya and Ramaiya, Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(i) Formerly a fee of one rupee was levied for searching documents in Sub-Registry Offices irrespective of the number of years to which the search related. A fee of one rupee for the first year and four annas for every other year is now levied. The old scale may be revived.

The party may be given the option of searching the registers himself or of having them searched by the Registering Officer, in which case an additional fee not exceeding Re. 1 may be levied.

In cases where the search is made by parties, the Registering Officer may certify that the party was given access to the registers for a sufficient time.

The prescribed printed forms of application may be ordered to be supplied free of charge, and the searching fee reduced to annas 8 for the first year and annas 2 for each succeeding year.

Note.—After much discussion the members expressed themselves in favor of reverting to the old system under which parties searched the registers themselves on the payment of a fixed fee. They agreed to the fee being fixed at Rs. 1-8-0 instead of Re. 1 as before.

(ii) The rule of the Chief Court requiring search certificates for a period of 12 years may be withdrawn.

Reply of Government.—(i) Orders will be passed on the lines agreed to by the members.

(ii) The Chief Court intend to modify the rule to some extent.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Reduction of fees to Registering Officers for attendance at private residences.

Messrs. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk, and M. Hassan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A fee of Rs. 10 in addition to a mileage of 4 annas is at present levied in case Registering Officers are required to attend at private residences. This entails much hardship on parties. The fee may be reduced to 5 rupees, or the mileage rate reduced by one-half. Mussalmans are in need of this privilege more than others.

Reply of Government.—No change is desirable.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Investigation Centre Scheme.

Mr. Y. Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—By the introduction of the Investigation Centre Scheme, the number of officers empowered to investigate cases is reduced. The ranges are very large in extent. Such a distribution creates prohibitive distances and is sure to lead to the hushing up of offences and other undesirable results. The scheme further

involves the reduction of the number of constables available at present for beat duty in each range and this will eventually tend to less efficient control over both the prevention and the detection of crime. The present Sub-Stations may therefore be retained with a larger number of jamadars for each taluk, who alone will have the power of investigation.

Reply of Government.—The changes made have been based on the recommendations of the Indian Police Commission. The scheme has been working well for the past two years in Shimoga. If in actual experience any inconvenience is felt, the necessary changes will be made in the number of ranges, and other details.

SUBJECT No. 60.

Employment of a detective police staff.

Mr. Hutchiregowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The employment of a detective police staff is necessary.

Reply of Government.—The question is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 61.

Better recruitment of Police Constables.

Mr. Y. Rama Rao, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The methods of recruitment of Police Constables may be improved so as to secure better men.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 62.

Prosecution of Police Inspectors.

Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—The formalities to be observed in obtaining the sanction of Government to prosecute Police Inspectors enable influential Police Inspectors to destroy evidence. Several good cases are therefore given up. The order on this subject may be withdrawn.

Reply of Government.—The rule was passed after mature consideration. If any real inconvenience is felt, the rule will be modified. Individual cases may be brought to the notice of Government by the parties concerned.

SUBJECT No. 63.

Custody of female prisoners.

Messrs. Choudaiya and Kencharayasetty, Arsikere Taluk, and Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under-trial female prisoners should not be allowed to remain at nights in the custody of the police, nor should they be permitted to be taken to any private houses or other places during nights. As it is unsafe to entrust these females to the care of a single constable at nights, it is requested that the lock-up officers may be ordered to lock them up and seal the door at 6 P.M. every day and to open the door at 6 A.M.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 64.

Withdrawn.

Prevention of thefts of cattle.

Mr. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

SUBJECT No. 65.

Summary of discussion.—Patels should be required to keep first information reports in triplicate forms and send reports to the Police and the Magistrate immediately after occurrences are reported to them.

Facilities for detection of cognizable offences.

Mr. Tirunarnaiengar, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered: